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# High-Definition Audio-Video Network Alliance (HANA)

## PRESENTATION TO THE FCC NOVEMBER 2007



HANA's Mission: Enable easy connection of multiple entertainment devices

- Facilitates interoperability
- Eliminates consumer frustration
- Requires only one IEEE 1394 (Firewire) connection (port) per device

#### HANA's Members

- Cable Operators: Cablevision, Charter
- Content Providers: NBC Universal, Warner Brothers
- Consumer Electronics: JVC, Mitsubishi, Samsung
- IT Companies: IBM, Sun
- Semiconductor Suppliers: Texas Instruments, AMD, Analog Devices



#### **BENEFITS OF IEEE 1394 INTERFACE**

- Established in 1995 as an open standard
  - Fierce competition among chipset suppliers continues to drive down costs
- Capable of securely and reliably transmitting up to 8 simultaneous real time
   HD streams over existing coaxial cable or CAT5 wiring (400 Mbps)
  - Roadmap to double capacity
- Offers unparalleled content protection
  - Supports both Digital Transmission Content Protection (DTCP) with 5C and DTCP IP with AES-128 encryption
- Easy to use; consumer friendly
- Does not require a host device (such as a PC)
  - 1394 devices can be connected peer-to-peer with no need for hubs, switches or routers
- Fully compatible with IP but offers better quality of service



## FCC REQUIREMENT FOR 1394 AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS

- Cable operators must include a 1394 port on all high-definition set-top boxes (STBs) by July 1, 2005 (Section 76.640(a)(4)(ii), adopted in Second Report and Order (2003)
- Nearly 25 million STBs with 1394 have been deployed already
- 1394 ports are provided in tens of millions of other consumer devices
  - 55% of laptops (including all Apple laptops)
  - Over 70% of DVD recorders
  - Many HD and standard definition digital TVs



### 1394 WILL FACILITATE THE DTV TRANSITION FOR CONSUMERS

- 1394 allows off air broadcast channels not carried by MSOs to be viewed throughout the house (if STB enables fully functional 1394 ports)
- Cable operators increasingly are transmitting digital programming to their subscribers
- 1394 will significantly increase consumer choice in recording digital programming provided by cable operators
- 1394 interface enables consumers to record digital programming to stand-alone devices
  - 1394 is currently the only way for consumers to digitally record programming without relying on a hard drive provided within the STB
  - 1394 will enable consumers to digitally record HD programming to portable storage or media devices, allowing consumers to watch such programming anywhere and anytime



## HANA and 1394 are technologically advanced for AV distribution

• 1394 is a natural fit for ATSC\terrestrial broadcasts

Cable Head End 1

• Internet Protocol (IP) is carried over 1394 most effectively

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• 1394 carries video more efficiently than broadband

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1394 DTV

MPEG DVD

Record

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**HDD** 

Record

 Used by Broadcasters and Professional video editing

MPEG Decode

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ATSC Rabbit Ears Multi-Room Distribution



### FCC SHOULD MAINTAIN & CLARIFY 1394 REQUIREMENT FOR CABLE SET-TOP BOXES

- 1394 satisfies all the parameters and key considerations for interoperability sought by the FCC, and cited by those who filed comments
- 1394 provides ease of use, quality of service and unparalleled content protection
- The incorporation of 1394 into high definition cable STBs has benefited, and will continue to benefit, consumers, the cable industry, the consumer electronics industry and the content community.
  - 1394 is already widely deployed in STBs and consumer electronics devices
- 1394 is the best solution available today and getting better